

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1913 - SB 1866

February 6, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Department of Correction (DOC) to dispose of the body of an unclaimed inmate by cremation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 41-21-221(b), if the body of an inmate who has died in the penitentiary is not applied for by friends of the deceased, nor for medical and surgical science under the provisions of the law, within a convenient time after the examination, the warden is required to have the body decently interred in the burying place provided for the penitentiary.
- Passage of the proposed legislation authorizes the DOC to dispose of the body of an unclaimed inmate by cremation.
- The proposed authorization of alternative means of unclaimed body disposition will not significantly impact DOC expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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